Interesting Chat About the Screen and Stage

Read This and Goldwyn Will Consider - You Who Would Act

It's All Work and No Play, Cast of "Captain Blackbird" but, So Far, It Has Not Made Hope a Dull Girl

By Harriette Underhill

story of Hope Hampton keeps intruding on the expedition. itself, so we shall write that first and R. A. Walsh will direct the picture

strange when Miss Hampton told us about how she occupied her time when go as business manager. she isn't working in front of the Besides the members of the com-

it takes so long to learn just one her six-year-old Mary Jane. thing. From the time I was five years Strange as it may seem 600 complete if I had been allowed to learn when cept those made surreptitiously. my infant heart longed for it; but you should have seen my grandmother! ing negative will be taken along. As

a few months' study she has advanced his scenes. so far that she is allowed to sing Mu-sette's song from "Boheme," "My news reel and motion picture produc-program of "Strut Miss Lizzie," is a appearances. That means study.

it." Usually we resent people who vided for the elders. know so much more than we do, but Two airplanes and two automobiles an enterprising publisher had several

ature, if that can be called studying."

Ye gods, if that could be called

studying! English literature was and made us a debutante before our time. It isn't true that a prophet is grass dresses. without honor in his own country, for last season when Dallas, Tex., opened a big new movie palace it was called the Hope Theater in honor of the red- cording to the present schedule. headed child who was protestingly born there in 1900 and christened Hope May Hampton. Not only did they name the theatre for Miss Hampton, but will be dismissed until 8, and then retheir initial production was "Star Dust" and Miss Hampton was "among those present" at the opening. But we balieve your native towns do like to caim you after you've become

Every one knows how Miss Hamn ton was chosen, while still a student at the Sargeant Dramatic School, to make a picture for Leonce Peret, "and I was bad, oh, very bad," said Miss Hampton sadly, "but was I downhearted? No!"

"But what would you have done if that director hadn't chosen you? How would you have started?"

"Done extra werk, of course, or perhaps gone in the chorus in the hope of betty Compson's new picture, "Always becoming an understudy. Nothing—the Woman," opening at the Capitol nothing could have prevented me from

Dan Frohman recently expressed a for if we were in Miss Hampton's place a dozen girls as pretty as she, but on Cleopatra ever sponsored. the stage we cannot think of one. She has bright red hair, bright blue eyes

Miss Bellamy in New Role

'Shoot' Scenes On Tahiti

Has Sailed, Carrying Toys and Variety of Necessities

The peaceful island of Tahiti will Fannie Hurst is not the only one who soon be known as a "location" because sets out to write about one person and an expedition has sailed from San winds up by writing about another, as Francisco and is now en route for this she admits she did when she wrote "Back Pay." We had allotted this spot in the South Seas, and there space and this time to tening the story Goldwyn will film "Captain Blackbird," of the winner of a beauty contest, not a romantic tale by Carey Wilson. The because she interested us especially, action takes place exclusively on board but because she was a friend of a the ship and on the island, so it was friend and, besides, she was what might be considered "good copy." But the necessary to take the entire company

we have known Miss Hampton, casu-ally, for some time, but we really never had any idea that she is as she is. That sounds rather involved, but what romantic parts. Others in the cast will we mean is this: Hope Hampton has a be George Siegmann, William V. Mong, purpose in life and she is only twenty-one years old. Recently we talked Rosemary Theby, Mary Jane Irving to her for an hour, and although we and Carl Harbaugh. William Haines were convinced that she was absolutely and Myrtle Lind will go along as unsincere in what she said we find it derstudies to Moreno and Miss Stark. Of course, when we were twentyone we had a purpose in life also, but

This precaution is taken because of
the danger of illness in the tropical our purpose was to have a good time. climate and the possibility of accident We took no thought for the morrow; in the mob scenes, in which 2,000 nano, nor for the day after, either. Noth- tives will be used. M. D. Gardner, proing mattered but fun. So it sounded duction assistant at the studios, will

pany, there will be two outsiders, so "I want to know everything there is to speak-Miriam Cooper, wife of Dito know," said Miss Hampton, "and rector Walsh, and Mrs. Louise Hunt the only thing that worries me is that Irving, who will go along to look after

old it has been the dream of my life native warriors' outfits will be transto be able to dance on my toes, and ported from the United States to now I'm going to be able to. I'm tak- Papeiti, the capital of Tahiti. This is ing seven lessons a week from Alexis necessary because of the fact that the Kosloff, and he is teaching me all French government prohibits the ownkinds of dancing. Of course, I'll never ership of weapons. There are no imbe able to dance as well as I should plements of warfare in the islands ex-A complete laboratory for develop-

She was a Quakeress and she brought it will be impossible to do printing there, a specially built machine, Isadore Luckstone is the man who which will project negative instead of is teaching Miss Hampton to sing, and positive, will be included in the equip-he tells her that if she studies hard ment. This will enable Mr. Walsh to perhaps in four or five years she examine each day the quality of the might try for grand opera. After photography and the effectiveness of

Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from "Sam- tion ever made on the islands, to be son and Delilah" and "Lo, Hear the given to the natives in an effort to Gentle Lark," when she makes public repay their hospitality. Santa Claus world. Only a few years ago it was himself never had in his pack more 'As soon as I began to sing I realized toys than Mr. Gardner, the business Oscar Seagle, concert singer, was that I never could amount to anything manager, has purchased for the occa- perhaps the first to give popularity unless I knew some of the languages, sion. These will be given to the native so I started with Italian, and now I'm children, around whom the island life studying French, too. It is as easy largely centers. Phonographs and which delighted thousands of concert to learn two as one while you are about other musical instruments will be pro- goers and many more thousands of

Miss Hampton is just as sweet as were aboard the steamship Tahiti when it departed from San Francisco, the sold as sheet music. Now the spiritual "Is that all you are studying?" we automobiles to be used for transportation and the airplanes for creating cast of "Strut Miss Lizzie" sings spirasked with a slight bitterness and try- tion and the airplanes for creating ing to think of all the fun Miss Hamp- wind in the big storm scene. All of ton was missing. "Oh, no," she Los Angeles' available fire hose was answered. "I'm studying English liter- bought up to convey the water in this

Every scene of the picture will he taken in the South Seas, and there will be only thirty-three working days, ac-

Mr. Walsh's plan is to start work with the natives at 7:80 in the morning, keep them until 11:30, when they sume until 6:30. The American actors will probably have no such opportunity for siestas.

Bastille Day, July 14, is celebrated in an elaborate fashion on the islands, which are under French rule. Dancers from the whole Society group, of which Tahiti is the largest, gather for a Blackbird."

Little Difficulty, Little Finds, in

Wait till you see the Pyramids in to-day. Oxnard, Cal., was selected trying to be an actress! It was all I as the location for these scenes, and while surveying the desert wastes here wish to star Miss Hampton on the Little, Miss Compson's technical dilegitimate stage. The offer was a fiat- rector, came upon a high sandy mound stage. To us this seems inexplicable, little lumber he could erect on the there would be no hesitancy. And, too, of three pyramids that, when they melody. When they were happy they ocean side of the mound the apexes were shot by a camera 2,000 yards discoloring. On the screen we could name tant, would look as well as any that

Three platforms on stilts, forty feet and bright pink cheeks, and besides apexes, boarded upon only two sides, or to sculp. that she is chic-"a darling of the were mounted on them. The tops were treated with a special paint to complete the illusion. Tests made with a of them were composed by whole groups small camera proved that the deception and included verses and choruses, while Hadge Bellamy will play opposite was perfect, and from the point where others were single compositions like Young Diana," with Marion Davies as that the old stately minute will be Jack Pickford in "Garrison's Finish." the motion picture camera was placed the droll sermon number in which a star, will be seen simultaneously at the Arthur Rosson is directing and Elmer the pyramids gave every appearance of negro pastor presents all his admoni-Harris is supervising the production. being the genuine article and a great tions in song form.



Spirituals, Gay and Sad, Ring Through "Strut Miss Lizzie"

VANGIE VALENTINE, in

ZIEGFELD FOLLIES.

comparatively new one in the musical almost unknown to the general public. to the term for his singing of "Deep River" and other negro spirituals phonograph record buyers. Before long ituals at every performance.

As a musical form of composition the spiritual resembles the folk song It is quite independent in its growth Other equipment includes four cam- of all formal and technical purposes eras, a ton of magnesium flare and and is the work of a group of persons what had driven us from high school smoke pots for night illumination, 125 rather than a single composer. The mirrors and reflectors and hundreds of folk songs, for instance, were the emotional outbursts of entire communities. When, during the Middle Ages, a mar performed a heroic deed, his townspeople celebrated his exploits with an appropriate folk song. One chief singer would recount the history of his in with appropriate choruses also improvised.

sults were always surprisingly unified. neous and inspired. "Sir Patrick heroes. Spens," for instance, is an example of such a folk song, for it recounts with ploits of a famous sea captain.

had no folk songs of its own. The will be released in the fall. civilization of the Old World had been brought here in its entirety, and the folk song hardly originates in a highly song story comes from a naïve, unasthe only folk songs Americans knew the screen. were those of England, Ireland and Scotland and an occasional one from the Continent.

negroes were childlike in their simsang, when they were sad they sang and when they got religion they sang. Singing, as a matter of fact, was their only form of artistic expression. They were too ignorant to write, to paint

But their songs were beautiful and came to be known as spirituals. Some

Pickford will edit and title her broth- have been able to secure the pyramid and impressive example of a peculiarly native art product.

LOW TELLEGER at KEITH'S PALACE. ANNE BRONAUGH en "ABIE'S IRISH ROSE"

Shadows on the Screen

The Glee Club of the police of New | comes to the Rivoli to-day, is to be heroism, while the others would join York City will sing at the George M. starred in a screen version of "The Cohan Theater during the run of the Old Homestead." picture "In the Name of the Law," Though bulk composition of this sort which will open at that theater to-day. was apparently unorganized the re- This is the first R. C. picture to be

For a long time the United States Bowers at the head of the cast. It among the Metropolitan opera stars.

"Shooting" Pyramids organized community. This form of work at the Long Island studio on tures and directed by Ray Smallwood. "Making a Man," a Peter B. Kyne It will be called "Desert Romance." suming singing group, not from for story. Joseph Henabery, who is now mally educated people who are too re- producing "Missing Millions" with served to let their imaginings be heard Alice Brady, will direct the picture. by others. For a long time, therefore, Albert Le Vine adapted the story for Adventures of Sherlock Holmes."

Grace Darmond will be starred in Warner Brothers' "A Dangerous Ad- shooting stages at the Keaton studio. tering one, but she is in love with her which looked encouraging. He decided lation, however, there came a new and Richardson and Robert Agnew are William and Chan Towns a also in the cast.

Harry Levey is preparing for fall release a feature film to be called, "Our Own United States."

Word comes from London that the players who went to England to make "If Winter Comes," for William Fox, are now in Canterbury shouting merrily. Ann Forest will play Lady Nona opposite Percy Marmont, who will be

Theodore Roberts, who will be seen

his pocket while dancing.

MILE MARGUERITTE,

m MUSIC BOX REVUE.

Jeanne Gordon, contralto of the Metropolitan Opera Company, promises presented on Broadway for a long run. to make some pictures when she re-As a result many of these folk songs A percentage of the profits of the turns to America in the fall. She has live to-day as superb specimens of a picture will be given to the widows had her "screen test," for there was the group spirit that was at once sponta- and orphans of New York's police short film made especially for the Rialto Theater recently, and released there, showing that Miss Gordon sang mighty contest. The winners of this dramatic effectiveness the thrilling ex-Ward Lascelle has finished the to her first New York sudience in the ties," with Colleen Moore and John giving the history of her rapid rise

> "When the Desert Calls" has been Jack Holt is scheduled to arrive in adapted for the screen by Peter Milne New York next week and will begin and will be produced by Pyramid Pic. PROCTOR'S FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

> > "A Case of Identity" will be the third picture in Educational's series on "The Buster Keaton's latest two-reeler,

"Day Dreams," is nearing its final

Waltz and Other Things The Urban Movie Chats continue to Brooklyn Theaters tell one what and what not to do.

"Dignity in Dancing" is one of the subjects in the newest issue. How to BUSHWICK-Ted Lewis, Harry Holask a lady to dance, how to embrace one's partner, and, most important, ORPHEUM-The Four Mortons, Sam. how to take leave of her at the conclusion of the dance, are some of the points illustrated. The wrong methods are illustrated

as well as the correct methods. After seeing Margaret Walz show how not to preferred to the modern "Lover's Cud-Harris is supervising the production. Being the genuine article and a great tions in song form.

Jack directed his sister Mary in distance off. If it had not been for "The group of spirituals in "Strut Maclyn Arbuckle, Pedro de Cordoba, trated, especially that dance which permits the man to keep one hand in his pocket while denoting." dle." Some of the bad manners of the

At Last Coming Guides the Into His Own?

In the Hunt for Something Now Is the Season of New in the Movies This Seems To Be the Case

Edward Sheldon has written an original story for the screen. It is en- men who engage acts and frame is titled "On the High Seas" and is now for the summer vaudeville are on in process of production in Hollywood, lookout for seasonable features. where Dorothy Dalton, Jack Holt, Irvin which are a "riot" in midwinter an Willat, the director, and a little black "flop" in midsummer, for the public kitten are working night and day on warm weather taste in entertainment the Lasky lot. The story concerns quite different from that of the itself with the struggle of two ship- ter time. Up at the office of the a wrecked stokers and a society girl who Keith Vandeville Exchange the body seek refuge on a derelict vessel. In its who are keen students of crowd theme it suggests "Anna Christie" and chology and mass likings, scan thele a little "The Hairy Ape," though it is of available acts with an unem dominated even more by human pas- judgment for what is summary, sion than by "old devil sea." Edward Sheldon's first original screen story is S. Moss "big-time" theater open going to be a thriller-a melodramatic New York this summer. They are movie thriller-but it's not new.

seems, is not in plots or in settings- ham, Franklin, Regent, Hamilton at but in the importance of the author. and "Chuck Bender, official story taster for Universal City, is letting out a open in Brooklyn. Out of town wild, weird, and woeful wail for stories. Keith houses in summer operation a He says that Universal wants at once, in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington or thereabouts, several all-star cast Cleveland, Portland, Syracuse and & stories of seven reels in length."

"Also, Fred Niblo at the Mayer Studio says he is interested in any stories Norfolk, Pittsburgh and Richmondon that are 'human,' but two of his produc- and booking from the Keith Exchange tions will probably be costume pictures | Song, dance and comedy rule in mil and two modern. He will not begin summer. The clown, the serio-com shooting on his new program of four the eccentric hoofer, the kid act, big pictures until the middle of July fluffy revue, the "flash" girl act t and is now busy selecting his stories, comedienne single, the comedy acres planning his all-star easts and finish- the hoop roller and the hat spinner; ing the cutting on Blood and Sand, in their glory, while the star of which he directed for Paramount." dramatic sketch, the grand opera sin

Over the hill, trailing her \$10,000 er, the classical instrumentalist, gown, goes the star. Down from his recruit from consert, the animal train high perch comes the director. And and the serious "sister team" takes into his own-shabby, myopic, a bit holiday until the regular season beri worn from his long association with Kid acts like the White Sisters and the Grub Street-comes the author. Frank Lee Children are immensely popular E. Woods, the author-director, put the summer, while troupes of talented and matter cryptically, when he said: mals are more or less in disfavor is

son to come into motion pictures. months. Heretofore his place was usurped, in Few vaudeville fans care to look ups large measure, by the director. Not a dramatic act when the temperat that the director is going, or that he is is soaring, but each and every one we really less important. But the di- comes a pretty girl in gauzy summer rector's real function is interpretive, frocks who sings and dances. the author's creative. One of our greatest screen stars once remarked mand "sight" acts almost exclusively that the best director is the one who They are willing to look but don't were does the least harm to your story.

sures, of course, the screen writer of acts get a big play from the book to-day must be acquainted with screen at this time of the year. "Hookum technique. Take George Ade, for instance, who recently wrote an original The fluffy ingenue rules the pr screen story for us entitled 'Our Lead- grams. FORDHAM-First half: Bailey and ing Citizen.' Mr. Ade worked at the Cowan, with Estelle Davis, Diamond studio all the time the 'script was Believe Hard in a Thing and Brennan and others; "Nanook being prepared and was in close touch of the North" Last half: Alman with us during the production. Of and Howard, Kitty Francis and com- course he wrote the titles, and after Fact, Says fom Meight pany; Constance Talmadge in "The he had gone East the first rough print of the picture was sent for his final "If You Believe It, It's So" has Leading Citizen' is a George Ade pic- the title of the picture play whi

ture. "Very much the same thing, I am told, is true of 'Tol'able David,' in the very start," says Thomas Meight which Richard Barthelmess played. its star, "every one of us. Then "Very much the same thing, I am LOEW'S STATE-Lew Hilton and Joseph Hergesheimer, its author, nothing like confidence in a thing Harry Young head the bill for the worked with the director all through make it come out right. It recalls "One Clear Call," picture, the production. In so doing he joined my mind when I was working in De the ranks of such others as Peter B. Belasco's organization. He always Kyne, Edward Knoblock, Elinor Glyn started in by convincing everyte and Rupert Hughes. If other distin- concerned, from star to the stare hand Harry Steppe, assisted by Harry guished authors have not been so suc- that the play then under considers cessful in pictures it is largely be- was the finest play that ever was "The Spanish Jade," film. cause they have let themselves become written. Second half: Lewis and Rogers, Hal crystallized in one form of writing, would not master the technique nicely furnished office and discuss me of a new medium or have taken the ters. We might get off the subject screen too lightly.

future? Will they be different from right with us, but inside of two minut those of the past?) In detail, yes. In fundamental dramatic situations, no. And their writers? Where shall we Entertainers. Second half: "The find them? Who knows! Wherever cussion. creative ability exists. Perhaps in your stenographer."

In Picture Theaters the theme of the picture. After a

APOLLO-Mary Carr Wings," a Fox film. CAMEO-John Barrymore in

lock Holmes," fourth week. CAPITOL-Betty Compson in "Always

its engagement to-day. CRITERION-Viola Dana in "The Five Dollar Baby."

LYRIC-Eighth week of "Nero," the Fox motion picture spectacle.

RIALTO-Wallace Reid in "The Dictator" moves down from the Rivoli. RIVOLI-Thomas Meighan in "If You Believe It, It's So," a Paramount picture. Also "A Trip to Paramoun

STRAND-A Lincoln J. Carter melo-drama, "The Fast Mail." her bean chanical device for producing me drams, "The Fast Mail," has been and bigger waves in the park's sea transferred to the screen. Produced

John Bowers With Metro John Bowers has been selected by this instance the judging for the and Metro to portray the title role in of prizes will be unique. It will "Quincy Adams Sawyer," Charles Fel- place only after the contestants ten Pidgin's story, which is to be taken a plunge in the surf. The filmed under the direction of Clarence are to be held during the first well Madonna," picture. Second half: Badger. Barbare La Marr is the only August. other member of the cast selected to Perhaps he has read the signs and STRAND—"God's Country and the believes them—Beware of pickpockets!" Law," feature. Ben Turnin annual Adams Sawyer" will be started within Park, where children are given

Is the Author Thermometer Booking Me

Summery Vaudeville Ac the Clown, Comic, Hoofe

There are twelve B. F. Keith and

Palace, Riverside, Orpheum, Bushwie The really new thing in pictures, it 81st Street, Broadway, Coliseum, For Jefferson. Keith's Prospect and Green point, important split-week houses. lantic City, with Baltimore, Detroi

"The author is the most recent per- spite their popularity in the con

"In order to take his place in pic- proceedings. For this reason "dum

And It's Likely to Become

"How about the pictures of the under the sun. Belasco would ket he would have the conversation bad to the play and somehow manage link it up with the matter under dis

"If you believe a thing hard enough it will very likely be a fact before you're through believing in it," con tinued Meighan. "And in a way that the things that take place in the work all have a mental origin and, because semebody believed in them sufficiently they were realized. If somebody hadn't believed that motion pictures were possibility, there wouldn't be any such thing. Things don't just happenthey're developed through consistent COHAN—"In the Name of the Law," great discovery and every great more

> Features Are Planned in the Neighboring Amusement Park Night swimming races and divisionness for girls are to be feature

> events at Starlight Park, in the Bronduring this month and next. The fir of these meets will be held at 8 o'cle next Wednesday night. A new rie called the "Shimmy," has been instal in the park.

The management at Palisade Amos

There will be a contest among be ing beauties at George C. Tilyo Steeplechase Park, Coney Island

Instruction and also free rides.

man, Mel Klee, others.

Kitty, Martha and Joe; Jack Donahue, Lester Allen, Gordon Deoley and Alan Coogan, others.

Marion Bent in "Rings of Smeke," Davis and Pelle, "A Night in Spain," others. LOEW'S METROPOLITAN-First half:

Loves of Pharach," film.

PALACE-Lou Tellegen, Karyl Norman, Van and Schenck, Mae West with Harry Richman, Ivan Bankoff

Vaudeville

OLGA STECK.

and others.

RIVERSIDE-Billy B. Van and James J. Corbett, Whiting and Burt, Douglas and Ross and others. EIGHTY-FIRST STREET - George

Moore and Mary Jayne, Harry Cooper, Gior's Musical Ten and others. "Nanook of the North," film.

Primitive Lover." HAMILTON-First half: Lady Tsen

Mei, Yip Yip Yaphankers. "Domestic Relations," film. Second half: Stan Stanley and company and Maude Earle. "Nanook of the North."

first half. "Loves of Pharach," picture, second half. LOEW'S AMERICAN-First half: "The Old Timers," and

Johnson and company. "The Loves of Pharach." MOSS'S BROADWAY-Daly, Mack and Daly, Innis Brothers, Josephine and Henning, Norcross and Halliday.

others.

PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE-First half: Val and Ernie Stanton, Iback's Dress Rehearsal," Neil McKinley. ROCTOR'S TWENTY-THIRD

STREET-First half: Jack Collins and company, Murray Woelks and company, "Domestic Relations," film. Second half: Zuhn and Dreis, Jean Morgan. "Nanook of the North."

-First half: "Stolen Sweets," Joe Towle. "Nanook of the North." Second half: Jim McWilliams, Lindley's Serenaders. "Domestic Relations." PROCTOR'S 125TH STREET-First

half: Jean Morgan, Clarence Worthland, Annabelle and Josephine. Constance Talmadge in "The Primitive Lover." Second half: "Stolen Sweets," Lawton, Frey and Morgan. "Nanook of the North."

NEW BRIGHTON - Pat Rooney and

"The Honeymoon Ship," others. Clara Kimball Young in "The Worldly The Gypsy Songsters, others. "The

in "If You Believe It, It's So," which believes them-Beware of pickpockets! Law," feature. Ben Turpin, comedy, the next ten days.